CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

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City Manager John Baumgartner

The City Manager's Update is a weekly newsletter that provides information about ongoing projects, events, and initiatives across League City.



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New Year, New You!

Looking to get out of your comfort zone and try something new? League City's Recreation, Library Services, and Community Engagement Departments have teamed up to create a month filled with <u>FREE activities and classes</u> for residents of all ages to explore. From yoga and meditation to soapmaking, kayaking, tennis, and ballroom dancing—local instructors and experts from throughout the area will be sharing their knowledge.



Attend FREE Classes in January

There's no need to register, just show up to the events you're interested in. Class locations are subject to change based on weather conditions. Check leaguecity.com/newyou and the City's Facebook page for the latest information.













Sign Up for Citizen University

Registration is underway for League City
Citizen University, a free program designed to
familiarize citizens with the purpose, process,
and structure of the City's government. Citizen
University is held two times a year, over an 11week period, every Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.
Each session includes dinner, and an interactive
presentation from staff on various City services
and issues. Registration is currently underway for
the next session, which begins January 27 and
runs until April 7. Registration is on a first-come,
first-served basis for any League City resident
or business owner who is 18 years of age or



older, and does not currently hold a position as an elected official or is running for office. A background check will be required for admission to the program since the course will include a tour of the Public Safety Building. To fill out an application, <u>click here</u>. For more information, call the Communications Office at 281-554-1175 or email Ashley Jackson at <u>ashley.jackson@leaguecitytx.gov</u>.

State of the City

Mayor Pat Hallisey and City Manager John Baumgartner will be addressing the status of many City traffic and drainage projects at the upcoming State of the City on Friday, January 28. The event will include information about how the City is proactively planning

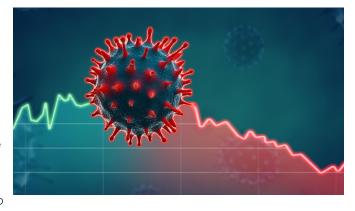




for its next 60 years. While the breakfast is being hosted by the League City Regional Chamber of Commerce, you don't need to be a member or own a business to attend. Tickets are \$35 for residents. Click here for more information.

COVID Situation Report

Due to a rapid increase in the number of COVID cases, League City will be creating a weekly situation report to provide information about the current status of COVID-19 in the city and its impact to the organization. The report can be seen here. League City is encouraging citizens to utilize the City's 24/7 online services page when possible. Services include everything from paying water bills and court fines, to



applying for permits and signing up for City recreational programs. Public access to City facilities is not being limited, however, residents and employees are encouraged to stay home if they are feeling ill.

Big League Dreams Job Fair

As Big League Dreams prepares to open to the public again in the new year, it is looking to fill a variety of positions. They will be holding a job fair January 13–15.

Positions available include:

- Cashiers
- Cooks
- F&B Supervisors
- Sports Supervisors
- Gate Attendants
- Maintenance Crew
- Office Manager

Schedule

- Thursday, Jan. 13
- Friday, Jan. 14
- Saturday, Jan. 15
- 4 to 9 p.m.
- 4 to 9 p.m.
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



League City Public Art Initiative

Calling all Artists! What Inspires You?



The theme for the next gallery display at the City's Public Art Gallery is "What Inspires You." The City is currently accepting submissions from professional and amateur artists

of all ages, including students. All art mediums will be accepted—from paintings and photographs to mixed media, sculptures, and up-cycled art. All submitted

artwork will be on display from February 1 until April 30. If you would like to feature a piece in the upcoming 2022 gallery display, contact rosa.salcido@leaguecitytx. gov. All submissions must be turned in by Friday, January 14 at noon.

Visit the City's Public Art Gallery located in the lobby of the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center (400 W. Walker Street) from now until January 14 to view festive holiday cards created by Clear Creek ISD students. The hours of operation for the free gallery are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.

City Hosting Outdoor Painting Event

On January 21-22 League City will be hosting the Outdoor Painters Society and the Bay Area Painting Society for a "Plein Air Paint Out." The French term means "out of doors" and refers to the practice of painting an entire finished picture outside. Plein air painters from throughout the state will gather in League Park, as well as many other inspiring locations around League City. Residents are invited to join in and paint, observe, or even purchase completed pieces for sale at League Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Organizers are also inviting Clear Creek ISD teachers and students to participate. League City staff will be at League Park to hand out maps of

paintable locations within the historic district along with a swag bag.

For more information about participating, contact organizer Lisette McClung at 281-702-5203.



Municipal Court Moved

The League City Municipal Court Office has moved back to its original location at 200 W. Walker Street. Staff and all municipal court proceedings had been operating out of the Civic Center for all of 2021, first due to COVID, and later for a capital improvement project to renovate the building where the court offices, courtroom, and council chambers are located. In addition to office space renovations and improvements, the court chamber (which is also used for City Council meetings) has been completely remodeled and upgraded.



Galveston County Survey

Have you experienced disruption through natural hazards in Galveston County? Do you have ideas for making our area more resilient to flooding? Galveston County is updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan and is looking for public feedback to help ensure that crucial mitigation projects can happen. Residents are encouraged to provide feedback on preparedness, alleviating storm damage, and projects to improve the County's resilience. To participate, take the <u>public survey</u> and contribute your knowledge.



Galveston County and participating municipalities are preparing an update of the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan.
The goal of this plan is to identify projects that can reduce damages from future hazards.

As part of the planning process, we are looking for your input on what natural hazards affect you most and how.

Live or work in Galveston County? Take our survey!

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GalvCoPublicSurvey





For more information about this process, please contact: Laura Norman, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator laura.norman@co.galveston.tx.us

Economic Development

Free Digital Marketing Class

Join Steve Paterson and the Galveston County Small Business Development Center for a free class to learn how to create and manage your small business digital marketing strategy and promote your business through social media, text messaging, email, websites Websites/Landing and online advertising. This three-part series is ideal for small business owners, communications managers, marketing managers and aspiring entrepreneurs. Classes start on January 11, and space is limited. In order to register, visit this link.



Public Safety Updates

New Officers

Chief Ratliff recently held a swearing-in ceremony for five new officers entering the LCPD Field Training Program. We welcome Officer Robert Dow with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a graduate of Alvin Police Academy, Officer Xavier Leal from League City and a graduate of Alvin Police Academy, Officer Alan Campos with an Associate of Arts and a graduate of U of H Criminal Justice Training Center, Officer Christopher Nehring with an Associate of Arts and a graduate of Alvin Police Academy, and Officer Travis Foshee with a Bachelor of Science Forestry and a graduate of Alvin Police Academy (left to right). LCPD will also be holding a police officer entrance exam on Saturday, January 8, 2022.



Public Safety Updates

Arrest Made

The League City Police Department has arrested and charged James Michael Person for the December 19 robbery at the Coyote Mart that left the clerk, Rafiq Maknojia, unconscious and bound with duct tape outside the store. Evidence linking James Michael Person to the robbery was recovered, including the handgun which was used in the crime. The clerk was treated for lacerations to the head and released from the hospital that night. "This case was solved due to the dedication and commitment that League City Police Detective Shane Yount provides daily without exception," said Lt. Michael Buffington. "Detective Yount went the extra mile on this case, having few leads to follow initially, his tenacity led to justice prevailing." The League City Police Department is asking for anyone with information relating to this robbery to contact Detective Yount at 281-554-1849.



Citizen Police Academy

The LCPD Citizen's Police Academy is taking applications for the Spring 2022 class. It gives residents an opportunity to see how and why the League City Police Department operates as it does. Participants get to learn about accident and criminal investigations, firearm safety, narcotic laws, patrol operations, and much more. Learn more and sign up here.





Fire Truck Visits

Do you want a special birthday visit from the League City Fire Department? Although station visits are currently unavailable as a safety precaution, firefighters are able to drive by League City homes to help



residents and children celebrate their birthdays. If you are interested, you can make a request online.

Helen Hall Library Updates

STORY OF GALVESTON COUNTY MUSEUM

The History Club will discuss this topic in-person and via Zoom. Register at caris.brown@leaguecitytx.gov.

> Mon., Jan. 10 from 7-8 p.m. For all ages

HOMEWORK SESSION

Study with your fellow students or work on assignments and projects!

Wed., Jan. 12 from 6:30-8 p.m. For ages 12-18

TWEEN STEAM

Join us for hands-on activities to explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math!

Thurs., Jan. 13 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. For ages 8 to 11







OTHER HAPPENINGS

50th Anniversary Celebration: Helen Hall Library is turning 50! We have limited edition library cards to commemorate this special event. Get yours today, and save the date for the celebration on Sat, Feb. 19!

Children's Scavenger Hunt: From January 10 to January 16, children can participate in the scavenger hunt taking place in the Children's area. The theme is Monuments & Landmarks, and all who participate will get a prize! Go to the Children's Desk for more information.

Library Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Helen Hall Library will be closed on Monday, January 17 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will open at 10 on Tuesday, January 18.

FOLLOW US! **f**









NO COMPUTER ACCESS?

hours.



- · Join us for computer classes.
- · Check out one of our laptops.
- · Get information on our databases, checking out eBooks, and more!

Parks and Recreation Updates

VOLLEY MINIS CLINIC

Clinic to teach boys and girls ages 6 to 8 the basic rules and skills of volleyball

Thursdays 6 to 7pm March 7th - April 26th

Registration for Residents \$37.50
Opens Jan. 19th for Non-residents \$56.25

Karate

Session 1: Jan 12th - March 23rd



Wednesdays

Beginner - 6-7pm intermediate - 7-8pm Adults - 8-9pm

Registration - \$60



Tennis

Ages 5-15

Mondays, Fridays or Saturdays

Session 2: Jan 31st - Feb 26th Session 3: Feb 28th - April 2nd Session 4: April 4th - 30th

Once a week practice \$79 a session Twice a week practice \$139 a session



REGISTRATION FOR SPRING SPORTS IS
NOW OPEN FOR RESIDENTS



SOCCER, BASEBALL AND VOLLEYBALL

OPENS JANUARY 19TH FOR NON-RESIDENTS



REGISTER ONLINE OR IN PERSON AT HOMETOWN HEROES PARK

YOUTH ART CLASS

Hometown Heroes Park

Tuesdays 5:30 - 7pm

Feb 1st - 22nd

March 1st - 29th

April 5th - 26th

May 3rd - 24th

Ages 6-16

Registration \$80 per session

Daddy Daughter Dance

Dancing, dining and plenty of fun!
Our theme this year will be Sock Hop

We will have two nights to choose from

Event date: January 29th 6:30pm to 9:30p.m. ation: Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center 400 W. Walker St. Event date: February 4th 6:30pm to 9:30p.m. Location: Hometown Heroes Park 1001 E. League City Pkwy.

Professional portraits will be available, fees are paid directly to photographer.

Residents Fee: \$27.50 per person Non-residents Fee: \$41.25 per person



For more info call us at 281-554-1180 or visit leaguecity.com/parks



Public Works Updates

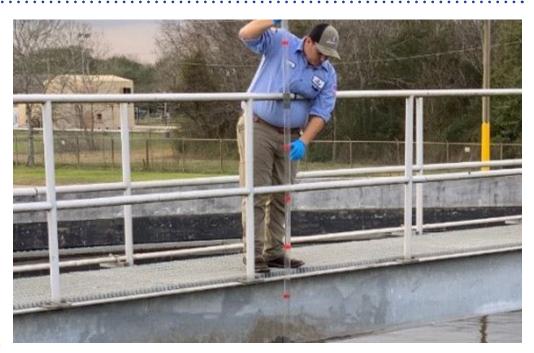
Lakeside Neighborhood Ditch Grade Maintenance

Stormwater crews kicked off 2022 by starting roadside ditch maintenance in the Lakeside neighborhood. This work was scheduled due to residents calls and requests for their ditches and culverts to be cleaned. As part of the ditch grade maintenance activity, culvert pipes also need reset. The driveways are reestablished and backfilled with sand, then depending on the type of driveway, asphalt, concrete or limestone is applied to complete the driveway. All culverts are set with a rotating laser level to ensure the pipe is at the correct flowline and grade of the ditch. These activities will ensure proper drainage for future rain events. Crews expect to complete this work by mid-January 2022.



Wastewater Discharge Survey

The City of League City Wastewater Department will start to distribute wastewater discharge surveys to every business in League City starting Monday, January 10. The survey will be used to determine whether any business may be using or discharging substances into the sanitary sewer system, which could harm the environment or affect the wastewater treatment plants and its employees. In accordance with 40 CFR Part



403 (Protection of the Environment- Effluent Guidelines & Standards), the City of League City is mandated to develop and maintain user discharge surveys. This survey is required every five years and submitted to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality upon request of renewing the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for the Public Owned Treatment Works. Every business in the city of League City including the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) areas are required to participate in the survey.

Communications Updates

LC Local



If you live in League City, you know it is a great place to live, work, and play.

But it's the people of our City, the "LC Locals", who really are the core of our community. Get to know more about your neighbors and what they love most about living in League City.

Meet this week's LC Local, Thelma Brown! Thelma is a local artist who recently painted a mini mural on a traffic box in League City that you may have seen driving around town. This talented artist loves being involved with League City's Public Art Initiative and her artwork has also been featured in the League City Public Art Gallery at the Civic Center. Read more about Thelma and where you can find her art.



Birding for Fun

Our temperate climate and abundant resources attract thousands of waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors, and other migrants to overwinter here. Let's take a closer look at a captivating migratory species of raptor that can be seen year-round in our area – the Red-shouldered Hawk.



CIP Updates

MUD 14-15 Lift Station Improvements (WW 1206)

The scope of this project is the expansion and rehabilitation of the current lift station. A substantial completion walkthrough was held November 8 and the contractor made corrections. The Vapex odor control startup was rescheduled due to an HVAC concern. The issue has been resolved by the contractor who is now awaiting confirmation of a new startup date from Vapex, which is expected this week.

GO Bond Drainage Projects Update

The following projects are part of the GO Bond election that was approved on May 14, 2019 and their purpose is to improve drainage in their respective areas. This update is not a complete list of all bond projects underway. Look for updates on GO bond projects each week in the CMU.

Deer Ridge Drive Buy-Out with Overland Flow Improvements (DR 1902)

This GO Bond project designed overland flow to provide improved drainage of Deer Ridge Drive into Bradshaw Ditch, while reducing excessive flooding in the street during extreme events. A construction contract was awarded to Mar-Con Services, LLC at the June 22, 2021 Council meeting. The water valves have been changed out and the waterline offsets on Deer Ridge Drive are complete. The contractor also completed the pilot channel and is continuing with the installation of the 8-foot by 3-foot boxes along Deer Ridge Drive. Construction is anticipated to be complete in Spring 2022 based on a 240-day contract from notice to proceed to substantial completion.

The Meadows Subdivision Drainage Improvements Project – Phases 1 & 2 (DR 1905)

The Meadows Subdivision is included in the areas considered to be hit hardest by Hurricane Harvey. Drainage design is aimed at addressing chronic flooding via clear, unobstructed drainage flow along the drainage easements in the subdivision.

The drainage option selected from the technical report consisted of detention to the north and south of the existing drainage channel, adding overflow swales, deepening the existing channel and upsizing the culvert at Smith Lane. These improvement options were discussed as possibilities at the June 2020 public meeting and again on September 23, 2021 once confirmed through engineering analysis.

On November 30, 2021, the consultant submitted a proposal to complete final design of the project which is currently under review by City staff. An internal meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2022, to discuss the recent proposal.

FM518 & Wesley Dr Drainage Improvements Project (DR2010)

This project will mitigate chronic flooding in the area. The improvements will result in a potential reduction in the flooding depths on Main Street (FM518) of approximately 0.5 to 1.0 feet. This will reduce the frequency with which the road will be inundated while keeping the road passable to emergency vehicles even in extreme events. This project is dual-funded by FEMA HMGP (75%) and CDBG-DR (25%).

The consultant delivered the final drainage report on December 2, 2021, which is currently under review by City staff. On January 3, 2022, the consultant requested an extension which was verbally granted by the City's Engineer for further evaluation of additional conveyance and detention options beyond the project's original scope. The consultant produced a "No Detention" option that required additional analysis and coordination. The new "No Detention" option should keep the project within the approved budget. Delivery of the 60% plans has been delayed until April 1, 2022.

CIP Updates

Brittany Bay Subdivision Drainage Improvements Project (DR2009) – Newport & Ellis Landing Subdivisions Drainage Improvement Project (DR2104) – The Landing Subdivision Drainage Improvements Project (DR2105)

Brittany Bay, Newport & Ellis Landing, and The Landing Subdivisions drain directly to nearby ditches for which the outfalls do not have defined swales. Existing fences and heavy vegetation further impede sheet flow of storm water to outfall ditches. These areas experienced major flooding during Hurricane Harvey and endure nuisance ponding within streets during lesser storm events. This project will utilize existing easements to provide flood relief for adjacent streets to drain to outfalls into the adjacent channel and permanently remove drainage obstructions.

On November 4, 2021, the consultant delivered the 100% design plans for DR2009 Brittany Bay for review. On November 17, 2021, comments from City staff were returned to the consultant. On December 15, 2021, the consultant delivered the revised 100% design plans which are currently under review by City staff.

On December 20, 2021, the consultant delivered 60% design plans for DR2004 Newport & Ellis Landing which is currently under review by City staff. On December 24, 2021, the consultant delivered 60% design plans for DR2105 The Landing on December 24, 2021, which is currently under review by City staff.

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) required some additional documentation for all 3 projects. On December 8, 2021, the City submitted the required additional documents to the THC for review and approval to proceed forward with the projects. As of January 4, 2022, THC is still in the process of reviewing the documentation.

GO Bond Street/Traffic Projects Update

The following projects are part of the GO Bond election that was approved on May 14, 2019. This update is not a complete list of all bond projects underway. Look for updates on GO bond projects each week in the CMU.

Grissom Rd. Reconstruction & North Service Area 12" Waterline (RE1702G)

5,600 feet of the existing two-lane rural open ditch Grissom Road from Abigail Lane to the West NASA Road/Grissom Road intersection will be replaced with a four-lane divided urban roadway. It will provide a pedestrian sidewalk, as well as drainage mitigation required for increased runoff. This project will also include approximately 5,000 feet of 12-inch waterline from the North Service Area Booster Station to West NASA Road. This project advertised for bid on January 4, 2022 and bid opening is scheduled for February 1, 2022. City Council is estimated to award a construction contract by early March 2022.

Calder Rd. South Reconstruction (Cross Colony to Ervin) (RE1702B)

The scope of this project will widen Calder Road from Cross Colony Drive to Ervin Street with two travel lanes and a continuous center lane. The project also includes the addition of a waterline and is part of the construction contract that includes the Force Main Upgrade – Bay Colony Lift Station to Ervin St (WW 1206).

All lanes are now open. The contractor is working on miscellaneous items and is anticipated to install sod over the next few weeks, weather permitting. A substantial completion walkthrough will be scheduled after these items are completed.



CIP Updates

League City Pkwy and Brittany Lakes Dr/Fennigan Ln Traffic System Improvement Project (TR 1101 A)

The purpose of this project is the construction of an additional left-turn bay for both approaches on League City Parkway, construction of a traffic signal at the intersection, and construction of various drainage improvements.

The contractor has completed all drainage and pavement items. Sod and hydromulch have been installed. The subcontractor is completing electrical items related to the traffic signal. Due to the delay related to the electrical work, the project is currently anticipated to be substantially complete by the middle of January, weather permitting.

League City Pkwy Right Turn Lane - Calder to Butler Project (ST2004)

Funding from Galveston County bonds in conjunction with the 'Matching funds from Partnerships' project from the City's May 2019 GO Bond election will improve traffic and mobility along the League City Parkway thoroughfare. An eastbound right turn lane from 450 linear feet west of Butler Road to 300 linear feet west of 145 southbound frontage road is currently in design.

The City approved two amendments. The first amendment will add an S-median curb at the intersection of Calder Road and League City Parkway to improve traffic mobility at that intersection. The second amendment will allow the City to acquire additional easements for sidewalk along the southern ROW of League City Parkway. Ninety percent plans are currently being drafted and will be submitted for City interdepartmental review in February 2022. Once reviewed by the City, the plans will be submitted to the TxDOT local office for review since a portion of the proposed roadway is within the TxDOT right-of-way. Construction is estimated to start in summer 2022.